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Merger of the Prohibition Department with the Police Department.

* 340 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government are considering the enhancement of scales of pay for staff in the Police Department for additional duties consequent on the proposed merger of the Police and the Prohibition staff?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Are the Government aware that the police are the people who are rendering service throughout the twenty-four hours day and night for the safety of the people, for the prevention of breach of peace and for the security of the country and since they are on low scales of pay, will the Government be good enough to realise their difficulties and raise the minimum of their salary from Rs. 30 to Rs. 40 and also the dearness allowance proportionately? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sure the policeman will be grateful for the certificate given by the hon. Member.

Apart from that, the main question is whether there is any proposal to increase the scales of pay in view of the supposed additional duties consequent upon the proposed merger of the Police and Prohibition Departments. The supplementary question has nothing to do with the main question."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give the estimated savings after the merger is completed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Grant of non-residential scholarships.

* 341 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state the reasons for granting only non-residential scholarships to those who are residing in recognized institutions like the Madras University Students' Club, Victoria Hostel, etc., instead of residential? 10-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" It is presumed that the reference is to the grant of scholarships to students of backward classes studying for Law. The Government have since sanctioned seven residential scholarships to these students."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" சட்டக் கல்லூரியிலே வாசிக்கிற மாணவர்களில் எத்தனை பேர்கள் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்பிற்காக மனுப் போட்டிருந்தார்கள் ? அவர்களிலே எத்தனை பேருக்கு ஸ்காலர்ஷிப் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" As regards the first question, I have no figures, Sir. But, I can give the hon. Member this information. For every year, the

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District Harijan Welfare Officer can sanction 32 non-residential scholarships for students taking up Law courses, sixteen for the eligible communities other than converts or Scheduled Castes and another sixteen for Backward Classes and converts from Scheduled Castes. In deserving cases, these scholarships can be converted into residential ones.''

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" சட்டக் கல்லூரி மாணவர்களிடமிருந்து சர்க்காருக்கு ஏதாவது மகஜர் வந்திருக்கிறதா? அப்படி இருந்தால் அது சம்பந்தமாக என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொண்டார்கள்?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I want notice."

SRI S. CHELLAPANDIAN :—" ஜில்லா தலை நகரங்களிலும் தாலூகா தலை நகரங்களிலும் வாழும்படியான பிற்பட்ட இனத்தையும் தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட இனத்தையும் சேர்ந்த மக்களுக்குப் போதுமான ரெசிடென்ஷியல் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப் கொடுக்க வசதி இல்லாததினால் அவர்களுக்கு ஹாஸ்டல்கள் அமைத்துத் தர சர்க்கார் உடனடியாக முன்வருவார்களா?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The Government are increasing the number of hostels every year according to the availability of funds."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Madras University Club and Madras Victoria Hostel-களிலுள்ள பிற்பட்ட இனத்தைச் சேர்ந்த மாணவர்களுக்கு ஸ்காலர்ஷிப் கொடுக்கப்பட்டதா?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Of the twelve residential scholarships, seven were granted to the students in the University Club, three for those residing in the Victoria Hostel and the remaining two for those in the other hostels."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Why were the residential scholarships previously granted to Backward Class students of the Law College withdrawn last year?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The intention of the Government then was to enlarge the scope of the students deriving this benefit."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it not a fact that students belonging to Backward Classes, who deserve residential scholarships get admitted into the residential hostels recognized by the Government but are made to pay the boarding charges first to the hostel and then, at the end, forced to take only non-residential scholarships because of paucity of funds available with the Harijan Welfare Department?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" It may be so, Sir. If the hon. Member wants a definite answer, I request him to put a separate question."